

FAQs
Version 2025



1.	What is a 'service term agreement'?	This is the bond agreement signed by the applicant and their employer, committing the applicant to return to their current employment institution and work as an ophthalmologist, for a specified period after completion of studies.
2.	Why is the service term agreement required in the application process?	CBM seeks to reach the underserved, needy communities with eye health services. The scholarship programme contributes to this by ensuring that ophthalmologists who have been under the CBM scholarship programme return to their workstations and provide their services for an agreed period.
3.	Can CBM bond a doctor?	CBM does not bond doctors, but CBM works with institutions that serve underserved communities, which will bond the doctor in accordance with the terms agreed between the doctor (employee) and the institution (employer). CBM is not the employer, nor is it responsible for the remuneration of the doctor working as an ophthalmologist trained with the support of this programme.
4.	Can I apply while awaiting admission from the University or while waiting for other documents to be processed?	Please submit a complete application, including all documents listed in the announcement, including an admission letter, in a single email. If you send the documents in separate emails, there is a risk that your application will not be processed if the documents are deemed incomplete.
5.	Do I need to be a Christian to apply for the scholarship?	CBM is a Christian organization that identifies with Christian values https://www.cbm.org/about-cbm/our-mission-and-vision.html . You will need to agree and adhere to CBM values.
6.	Can I apply for a scholarship with an admission letter from a university not listed in part 1b of the announcement document?	Yes, this is possible, and CBM will then decide if it is admissible to offer a scholarship for training in that University.
7.	Can I apply at any time during my postgraduate training?	CBM will only process applications from those preparing to attend the training or in their first year of training, so that all agreements are in place at the start of the training programme. Applicants who are already training should not apply for this scholarship.
8.	What is covered under the scholarship?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Tuition fees b) living costs (stipend) c) set of ophthalmic equipment d) medical license fees e) ophthalmology conference f) Relocation fees on reporting to the university and after completion. <p>Please note that the above is subject to the availability of funds.</p>

If in need of additional information reach out to the below.
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